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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 have been amended.

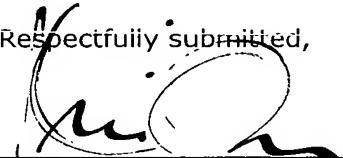
Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that claims 1-5 were found to have allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Each of claims 1-5 have been amended to delete the reference "or the like." Accordingly, claims 1-5 are definite and thus patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

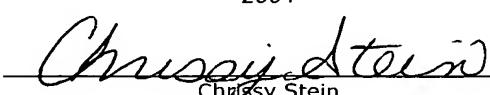
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